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VOA COMMUNICATIONS WORLD MEDIA NEWS APRIL 14 SCRIPT: http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/cw0414.html

** ANGOLA [non]. No sign yet of R. EcclÈsia relay via DTK Germany, on 15775, checked April 16 at 0500, nor when propagation would be more likely at 1700-1800. The listed start date of April 15 was obviously tentative (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA [non]. If you hear Spanish on 15476, better not assume it's LRA36. April 13 at 0115 I found a weak signal in Spanish on 15476, but this proved to be a spur from R. Martl, Delano, 15330, where it was putting in an overpowering signal, also splattering 15310-15350. There ought to be a law preventing IBB from pounding the USA with its signals on the way to somewhere else. I then found another one on 15492, and 15184 making a het with another weak signal on 15185. Could also have been on matching 15168, but that was blocked by RCI 15170. The IBB spurs could have been so far down that they be considered legal, but that's no help when the fundamental is so strong. And 15330 is scheduled all the way from 2200 to 0300:

15330 2200 0300 OCB LARM SPAN DL 01 100

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ASIA [non]. Radio Free Asia. This was not in the current schedule published recently in DXLD and CRW: 1700-1800 Khmer on 11525 15695 as heard on April 13th (Silvain Domen, Belgium, April 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AZERBAIJAN. This afternoon I`ve quite fairly heard a station on 9155 kHz. I presume that was Voice of Azerbaijan. Tuned to the frequency at 1038, and stayed there until 1100, end of broadcast. Couldn`t catch any ID, though. Language was Arabic, but songs definitely were in one of Turkic languages (Azerbaijani belongs to

this group, indeed). Some time ago, Wolfgang Bueschel, Olle Alm and Noel Green discussed in BC-DX whether Voice of Azerbaijan still uses 9155 kHz. Apparently, it does! And modulation, BTW, is quite good. 73 & best dx, (Dmitri Mezin, Kazan, Russia, April 14, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

** BELGIUM. On RVi Radio World, April 15, concluding an interview with Allen Graham, Frans Vossen gave the times for DX Partyline as: Saturdays 0110 and 0410 to North America, 0610 and 1910 to Europe... thus, giving the very mistaken impression that the NAm broadcasts be on UT Saturday, Friday night here, before the European broadcasts! HCJB's inaccurate posted schedules showing times in UT but days in local may have contributed to his confusion (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELIZE [and non]. In true pirate fashion, Allan [Weiner] has twice [sic] attempted, but so far without success, to broadcast from a ship. After I conducted this interview, Allan announced to the Winter SWL Fest that he is again outfitting a boat for shortwave broadcasting. Yes, I said "boat," not "ship." Allen describes it as a "motor sailer," about 18 meters long. It's now in Boston Harbor, but he hopes to have it transmitting in the coastal waters of Belize, in Central America, by this summer. He plans for it to have two shortwave transmitters, one in the vicinity of 10 to 20 kilowatts, the other around one-kilowatt. Allan says this project is just for fun, and to promote shortwave broadcasting. He will not be broadcasting from international waters, which is counter to international law. His broadcasts from Belize coastal waters will be licensed by Belize. Before sailing to Belize, he will also use the boat in Boston Harbor to originate some broadcasts, but these will be transmitted by Allan's duly licensed transmitter in Maine (Kim Elliott, VOA Communications World April 14 via John Norfolk, DXLD)

** BENIN. DX Information from the British DX Club (BDXC-UK). I paid a brief visit to Accra last week. My time for listening was limited, but the following information may be of interest: The regional station on 5025 was heard but there was no sign of Cotonou on 7210 (Chris Greenway, April 14, BDXC-UK via DXLD) see also BURKINA... CAMEROON, NIGERIA

** BRAZIL. Stations Reactivated:

Glenn, R·dio Difusora, TaubatÈ-SP ouvida novamente em 4925 kHz, em 15.04 ‡s 0520 com o programa Show da Madrugada. Depois de v·rios anos inativa, esta emissora retornou em ondas curtas h· alguns meses para logo depois ficar fora do ar novamente; vamos ver se desta vez ela permanece ativa. R·dio Difusora de TaubatÈ no seu sexagÈsimo anivers·rio È uma das mais tradicionais emissoras brasileiras nas

ondas tropicais.

- R·dio CanÁ"o Nova, Cachoeira Paulista-SP ouvida novamente em 6105 kHz em 15/04 as 0535 com estemunho de fÈ; esta emissora esteve inativa nesta freq encia recentemente. Transmiss"o em // com 4825 khz, n"o ouvida em 9675, inativa h· algum tempo (Samuel C·ssio, DX do Clube do Brasil, April 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- ** BULGARIA/BELGIUM (?). 15440, Radio Ezra 1100-1118* April 15, Transmission in progress when tuned in, good signal on clear channel but only fair audio and transmitter hum, the station announced that as from next week they would be changing frequency to 13850 due to "technical problems" (Mike Barraclough, England, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- ** BURKINA FASO, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CHAD. Also, nothing heard on shortwave from Burkina Faso, Chad or Central African Republic, although Ouagadougou and Bangui were both heard on mediumwave (747 and 1440 respectively). (Chris Greenway, visiting Ghana last week, April 14, BDXC-UK via DXLD)
- ** CAMEROON. Nothing heard at all, including from 6005 Buea which was known to be on the air towards the end of last year (Chris Greenway, visiting Ghana last week, April 14, BDXC-UK via DXLD)
- ** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 5003.93, Radio Nacional Bata, 0509-0532, Spanish, musical program, man announcer, ID "Radio Nacional Bata..... para la regiûn continental, transmite en su frecuencia de 5005 kilociclos...", 454, (Nicol·s …ramo, Argentina, April 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- ** FRANCE. Club 9516 with David Page, well heard from RFI Sunday April 15 from 1639 tune in until 1649 wrap up, on 15605, despite propagation disturbance (registered as Issoudun 500 kW 110 degrees for this, altho at other times it could be Gabon). Club 95-16 also on the Sunday 1200 broadcast, but not on the 1400, and there is no 'morning' English on weekends (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- ** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. Hi Glenn, For once, I completely agree with you. Radio Voyager is full of the usual rock/contemporary music that you can hear commercial-free on dozens of other websites. And the DJ's seem to have the intelligence of a 14 yr old pretending to be the hottest DJ in town (no foolin`, that`s exactly what it sounds like.) Listeners should NOT waste their time, nor corporations their money on this one, not to mention the waste of net bandwidth. What were VOA or Purina thinking??? (Eric Cooper, April 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, Radio Voyager programming details from its website:

http://www.radiovoyager.com/2program/2prg.htm
(Mike Terry, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Yawn (gh, DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. Voice of the Communist Party of Iran in Farsi heard on first days of April *1658-1802* on 3881 (strong signal) and 4385 (weak signal). (R. Petraitis, Lithuania, April 4, Clandestine Radio Watch via DXLD)

** IRAQ. Mother of Battles Radio broadcasts in Arabic *1600-1850* on 11785 kHz. Heard on April 9th. Good signal. ID usual: "Idha`at umm al-ma`arik, idha`atu kul al-Arab" (R. Petraitis, Lithuania, Clandestine Radio Watch Apr 13, 2001 via DXLD)

** IRAQ [non]. Voice of Islamic Revolution in Iraq broadcasts in Arabic via IRIB, Iran (A01-summer schedule): 0330-0530 on 9535, 9685, 7120, 7245 kHz (R. Petraitis, Lithuania, Clandestine Radio Watch, Apr 9, 2001, via DXLD)

** KOREA SOUTH. Last Sunday, RKI's webcast was not working at 1935, nor at 0235 Monday, causing me to miss Multiwave Feedback; too bad the 'casts are on after the only reliable SW broadcast of same, at 1135 on 9650 via Canada. So this week, April 15, I caught the latter. Good thing, too, as the webcast would not be working April 15 at 1935 either. Once again they plugged the monthly specials, including April's which I must assume has not yet aired, tho they refuse to be specific about the dates. They always appear on Thursdays, so that leaves April 19 or 26; the March one I caught about :35 into an hour-long webcast. {later: not on April 19, so must be 26th}

Topics as given this time:

April: Cheju Island

May: Korean Martial Arts, Tae Kwan Do

June: World Ceramics Expo

July: Intellectual World of ---?

August: Pusan International Fim Festival September: International Food Festival

October: International Acoustics Festival, One Man Opera (?) November: What Tourism Ministry has in store for the future

(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. XERTA de nuevo al aire por 4.815 transmitiendo desde la plaza de san Juan en el centro de la ciudad de MËxico con una potencia de 500 W y con horario de lunes a viernes de las 00:00 utc a las 06:00 utc y s·bados las 24 horas del dia hasta amanecer domingo en MÈxico (Juan JosË Miroz, XE1-XNH Y XE5440V, Noticias DX April 14 via DXLD) graves sic (gh)

- ** MEXICO. Pirata en 94.9 MHz, Radio Zapote. Como era de esperarse, dejÛ de transmitir el dÌa 30 de Marzo 2001, un dÌa despuÈs de la salida de la comandancia del EZLN hacia Chiapas y de haber hablado ante el Congreso. Al menos esta emisora cumpliÛ su servicio de informar los eventos del dÌa, de repetir los discursos que se hicieron, entrevistado las personas del EZLN, a las que iban junto a la caravana zapatista, adem·s de haber puesto en el aire toda clase de m·sica, principalmente folklÛrica (HÈctor Garcla Bojorge, MEXICO, 10/4, ConexiÛn Digital via DXLD)
- ** NIGERIA. Aside from [BENIN, BURKINA FASO, CAMEROON, etc.], more or less everything that one might reasonably expect to hear in the region was on the air. The Nigerian regionals at Enugu (6025), Ibadan (6050) and Kaduna (separate services on 4770 and 6090) were all heard, along with Lagos on 3326 and strong signals from VoN on 7255 (Chris Greenway, visiting Ghana last week, April 14, BDXC-UK via DXLD)
- ** PALESTINE [non]. Voice of Palestine, Voice of Palestinian Islamic Revolution Voice of Palestine, Voice of Palestinian Islamic Revolution broadcasts in Arabic via IRIB, Iran (A01 schedule): 0330-0430 on 9610, 11870 and 1930-2030 on 6025, 6200, 9705, 9860, 11740, 11840 (R. Petraitis, Lithuania, Clandestine Radio Watch Apr 9, 2001)
- ** PARAGUAY. 9737.50, Radio Nacional del Paraguay, AsunciÛn, 0137-0230, Apr 12, Spanish mixed with guaranÌ, man announcer, Music from Paraguay and classic, comments about Easter season, ID "Radio Nacional del Paraguay est· en el aire... agradecemos al SODRE de Montevideo..", 343, (Nicol·s …ramo, Argentina, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- ** PERU. 6536.02, Radio Difusora Huancabamba. Huancabamba; 1120-1148 fair on 14/APR/2001. Px "Amanecer Andino" with first class OA folklores. ID was given at 1130 as "La hora exacta en nuestros estudios. 6 de la maòana con 32 minutos, 6 de la maòana con 32 minutos en Radio Difusora Huancabamba desde la tierra de Huarinjas para todo el Per', Amèrica y el mundo."
- 6479.68, Radio Altura, Huarmaca; was noted at 1110-1120 fair on 14/APR/2001. Rustic OA folklores and OM talk. ID was announced as "Transmite Altura Radio en onda corta internacional y frecuencia modulada simult·neamente desde la progresista ciudad de Huarmaca, Per`." (Takayuki Inoue Nozaki, RELAMPAGO DX LOGGING via DXLD)
- ** SERBIA. The A-01 Australasian SW Guide lists some transmissions from `Bijeljina` on 7230 as if they had already come back, so I looked up this frequency in A-01 HFCC and all the others, representing R. Yugoslavia`s wish list, more or less as it was when

they still had access to Bijeljina, Bosnia site. Note these are listed as if there were 250 kW transmitters at Beograd, and a selection of antennas just like Bijeljina. A number of other imaginary listings for the Week of Confusion 250301 to 010401 have been omitted; daily 1234567 u.o.s.:

6100	1530	1545	28N	BEO	250	0	Hungarian	YUG \	YRT	
6100	1545	1600	28SE	BE0	250	130	Greek	YUG \	YRT	
6100	1700	1715	28SE	BEO	250	180	Albanian	YUG \	YRT	
6100	1715	1730	28SE	BE0	250	130	Bulgarian	YUG \	YRT	
6100	1800	1830	28NE,29,30N	BEO	250	40	Russian	YUG \	YRT	
6100	1830	1900	27,28W	BEO	250	310	English	YUG \	YRT	
6100	1930	2000	27,28	BEO	250	310	Serbian	YUG \	YRT	123456
6100	1930	2030	27,28	BEO	250	310	Serbian	YUG \	YRT	7
6100	2000	2030	27,28W	BEO	250	310	German	YUG \	YRT	123456
6100	2030	2100	27,28	BEO	250	310	French	YUG \	YRT	
6100	2100	2130	27,28	BEO	250	310	English	YUG \	YRT	
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6185	2030	2100	27,28	BE0	250	310	French	YUG \	YRT	
			27,28	BE0		310	English	YUG \		
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7165	1800	1830	295,305	BE0	250	70	Russian	YUG \	YRT	
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7200	0000	2400	27-29,37-39	BEO	250	0	Serbian	YUG \	YRT	
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7220	1900	1930	37NW	BE0	250	250	Spanish	YUG \	YRT	
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7230	1900	1930	555,58,59	BE0	250	100	English	YUG \	YRT	
			555,58,59	BE0		100	Serbian			123456
			555,58,59	BE0		100	Serbian	YUG \		
			555,58,59	BE0		100	Serbian			, 123456
			555,58,59	BE0		100	Serbian			123456
			55S,58,59	BE0		100	Serbian	YUG \		
			55S, 58, 59	BE0		100	English			, 123456
7230	2200	2230	333,30,37	DLO	250	100	LIIGIII	100		125-50
9505	0000	2400	27-29,37-39	BEO	100	0	Serbian	YUG \	VRT	
7505	0000	2400	21 27,31 37	DLO	100	Ü	SCIBIAN	100	1111	
9580	0000	0030	7E,8,27	BE0	250	310	English	YIIG V	VRT	234567
			7E,8,27	BE0		310	Serbian	YUG \		254507
			6,7W,27	BE0		325	English	YUG \		
			43,44	BE0		55	Chinese	YUG \		
			7E,8,27	BE0		310		YUG \		7
			7E,8,27	BE0		310	Serbian			123456
9300	2330	2400	76,0,27	BEU	250	310	Serbran	100	IKI	123430
0605	2200	2220	1/1 15	BE0	250	22E	Spanish	VIIC V	VDT	
9003	2300	∠330	14,15	DEU	∠50	235	ShallT211	YUG \	ΙΚΙ	
0620	0000	2400	27-29,37-39	DEO	100	0	Corbian	VIIC V	VDT	
			•			0	Serbian	YUG \		
9620	T000	T030	27,28W	BE0	250	310	French	YUG \	YKI	

9620	1630	1700	27,28W	BE0	250	310	German	YUG	YRT	
9620	1730	1800	27,28W	BE0	250	310	Italian	YUG	YRT	
9680	2300	2330	12,13W,14NW	BE0	250	265	Spanish	YUG	YRT	
9720	1830	1900	52,53W,57	BE0	250	180	English	YUG	YRT	
11735	1500	1530	29-31	BE0	250	55	Russian	YUG	YRT	
11800	1430	1500	39	BE0	250	130	Arabic	YUG	YRT	
11800	1600	1630	37,46S	BE0	250	220	French	YUG	YRT	
11870	0000	0030	7E,8,27	BE0	250	310	English	YUG	YRT	234567
11870	0030	0100	7E,8,27	BE0	250	310	Serbian	YUG	YRT	
11870	0430	0500	6,7W,27	BE0	250	325	English	YUG	YRT	
11870	1500	1530	28NE,29,30N	BE0	250	40	Russian	YUG	YRT	
11870	1630	1700	27,28W	BE0	250	310	German	YUG	YRT	
11870	2330	0030	7E,8,27	BE0	250	310	Serbian	YUG	YRT	7
11870	2330	2400	7E,8,27	BE0	250	310	Serbian	YUG	YRT	123456
15190	1430	1500	37E,38W,46	BE0	250	220	Arabic	YUG	YRT	
(HFCC, condensed by gh for DX LISTENING DIGEST)										

- ** SPAIN [non]. REE has expanded its use of 3210 via Costa Rica by two hours, now until 0559* per website, and was clashing severely with WWCR UT Mon April 16 during WOR and VOA CW after 0500. So now WWCR needs to stay on 3215 until 0600 or 0605, I have told them (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- ** SWEDEN. Subject: SR op 12130? Hi Mensen, Is er nog iemand die Sveriges Radio ontvangt op 12.130,030? Dit is precies het dubbele van 6065,015, en daar krijg ik inderdaad hetzelfde signaal ook (alleen vÈÈl sterker). Kan me nauwelijks voorstellen dat het een fout is van mijn ontvanger, maar ik vind het nog het vreemdste dat een zo gerenommeerde zender niet precies op zijn nominale frequentie uitzendt... (Frank van Gerwen ICQ 2231692 Castricum/Netherlands http://www.cisquet.demon.nl bdxc april 14 via DXLD)
- ** TUNISIA. Dear Mr Hauser. I also recently discovered this station, 12005 at 0100, coming in with a fair signal here; they are also heard at 0500 on 7110 as well. Best wishes (Paul Bailey, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, April 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- ** U K. It's all for naught, the publicity Paul David and I (not to mention VOA) gave to the Radio 2 Voices of the Century specials. Listening to webcast at 1603 UT Sat April 13, went from news to ``not available, but you can still hear it on your radio``. Really? Where do they think I am, Britain?! So forget about it Monday, too.

I`ve seldom found BBC R2 programmes blocked, but this is always possible. One only wishes they would specify this on their programme schedules! It`s extremely rude to treat web listeners this way (Glenn Hauser, OK, swprograms, April 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. The Waveguide program on BBC World Service, with Richard Lambley, had its last broadcast on March 23rd. So another media program goes off the air. This is becoming a lonely profession. Actually, with all of the marketing savvy of BBC World Service, I'm surprised that they do not realize that many people listen to radio via shortwave, satellite, and the Internet, because they are interested in shortwave, satellite, and the Internet. I think that the quantity and quality of this specialized audience warrant a weekly half hour program on World Service and on any other international radio station that wishes to develop an audience (Kim Elliott, VOA Communications World April 14 via John Norfolk, DXLD)

** U K. World News: BBC fires Bengali section head

Irish Times, Apr 14, 2001 BY AFP

Dhaka - The head of the BBC's Bengali-language section has been removed amid a controversy over his alleged roles in Bangladesh's 1971 independence war and the 1975 coup, the official BSS news agency said yesterday.

Mr Syed Mahmud Ali, a former army major, was removed by the BBC from his London-based position after a complaint from the Bangladesh government prompted by an interview he gave in Dhaka's Bengali daily, Janakantha, in February.

BSS said Dhaka demanded action against Mr Ali after he reportedly confessed in the interview that as a former Pakistani army officer he worked against those seeking independence for Bangladesh in the 1971 war (AFP via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** U K. Although I told you about this several weeks ago, the two American streams via broadcast.com are STILL reversed, although they have been redesigned.

At 1910 GMT Monday, I am hearing Omnibus (about Bangladesh) on the ``News and Sports`` feed, and news on the ``Information & Entertainment`` feed, sports at 1920. Why don't you fix this???

Regards, (Glenn Hauser, Oklahoma, April 16, to BBCWS via DXLD)

* U S A. Frequency Change: Beginning April 21, 2001, the double

sideband transmission of Communications World via Greenville, Saturday at 0700 UT, will move to 10869 kHz, replacing 6873 kHz (VOA CW script April 14 {but not broadcast} via DXLD) Just as Wolfgang B schel suggested (gh)

** U S A. KPH coastal station gear to be on air for International Marconi Dav: Amateur Radio station K6KPH will be on the air for International Marconi Day from the original transmitting and receiving stations of ex-RCA coast station KPH. Operation is set to start at 0700 UTC Saturday, April 21. The frequencies of operation will be 7050 and 14,050 kHz. KPH traces its history back to the days of Marconi operation at the Bolinas transmitting site. K6KPH will be operated using the original transmitters, receivers and antennas of KPH. The operators will be at the Point Reves receiving station, remotely keying the transmitters in Bolinas, just as was done when the station was in commercial operation. Members of the Maritime Radio Historical Society -- which include several original KPH operators -- will be at the key. Details about International Marconi Day are available on the Cornish Radio Club Web site, http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~straff/ Visit the Maritime Radio Historical Society Web site, http://www.radiomarine.org --Dick Dillman, W6AWO (ARRL Letter April 13 via Horacio Nigro and John Norfolk, DXLD)

** U S A. WSM-AM No longer on satellite: It looks as though we have lost the C-band analog audio subcarriers that had carried WSM-AM Radio from Nashville in stereo on satellite C4, transponder 24. The end of this audio feed appears to have coincided with the decision to move CMTV (Country Music Television) programming and uplinking facilities from Nashville to suburban New York. During the past year, we've lost access to WCBS and WQXR radios, as well (Mike Cooper, GA, April 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [clandestine]. Are these Generals and Colonels of the Kentucky State Militia related to Field Marshall Cinque of the Symbionese Liberation Army? (The group which kidnapped Patty Hearst way back when.) Of course, I suppose there are a lot of "Colonels" in Kentucky, some of whom command cleanup crews at chicken shacks. Since this is a well-regulated militia, doing its duty under the Second Amendment to the Constitution, has its Commander-in-Chief, presumably His Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, ever heard of them? (Joîl Rubin, NY, April 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Kentucky State Militia R 3260U em v/s Charlie Puckett, State C/O Kentucky State Militia cpuckett@ure.net saying "This will be the frequency to listen to when the U.S. erupts into civil war which is not too far off!!" (Mauno Ritola, Finland, Apr 4, 2001 for Clandestine Radio Watch, via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. Received today from Scott Westerman:

Here's an update on our test transmission project from the United Arab Emirates. We're having a minor technical challenge getting the Beacon audio feed on the air from UAE, and for the sake of moving ahead with our tests, we authorized Merlin to run a BBC feed from that site to see what coverage is like. It's intermittently on the air between 19-21 UT on 15470 kHz and my listening posts in Accra, Nairobi, Luande [sic], Jo'burg and Madagascar all report that it booms in like a local AM station.

We'll be working on getting a Beacon audio feed on that channel and I'll shoot you a note when it's up and running. In the meantime, your reports on the BBC feed to scott@worldbeacon.net are welcome.

If this frequency plan works out, the World Beacon will settle into a four hour daily schedule to Africa on two frequencies. We will likely keep our 3230 kHz tropical band channel as that does well in the South, and will pick up a second frequency to cover the northern half of the continent. We're still on 9675 kHz from Rampisham while we sort things out (via Andy Sennitt, April 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Our Russian initiative is also right on schedule for a June 1 launch. I'm attending the National Association of Broadcasters conference in Las Vegas next week and will be meeting with our Merlin partners to finalize plans for a four hour daily program to Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Watch the World Beacon website for details as we come closer to launch.

By the way, congratulations to our friend George Jacobs, who is the cover model on this month's CQ magazine. As many of you know, George has been in the short wave engineering consulting business for 50 years and is as creative and energetic today as he was when he first began analyzing the skywaves in 1951. Best regards, THE WORLD BEACON Scott Westerman (via Mike Terry, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

** VENEZUELA [non]. During blackout around 1400 UT April 15, checked Alû Presidente frequencies via Cuba; some southerly signals were audible, and there was some sort of carrier on 9820, but it never developed into audio in the following hours, so I suspect the show was not on this week. 11705 was vacant despite Japan via Canada wipeout; also 9505 had nothing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)